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Scottish Charity Receives UK Aid to Keep Kenyan Families Together

Social workers now have IT funding to assess critical cases

[Tushinde](#), a small charity based in Fife, has been awarded a UK aid grant from the UK Government's Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO).

This will help Tushinde's social workers assess families in Kenya's informal settlements – so they have access to hand-held tablets and child protection software. The children and their families will now be on a database that is easily accessible by professionals.

The grant is important and will make an impact on Tushinde's children and families by:

- Creating a system where social worker notes can be recorded directly in the field and not have to be typed up in the office, allowing more time for direct work with families.
- Collect data and monitor families who are not yet admitted on the programme and evaluate their outcomes.
- Create an accessible child protection and safeguarding system.
- Use information gathered to produce clear reports to present to police or the children's office - if needed for a specific case.
- Use information gathered for: further programmes; applications for funding; partnership work; and to advocate tackling local issues - to protect children and vulnerable adults.

Quotes:

Tushinde's founder and director, Megan Wright, said:

"We are delighted with the funding from the Government's Small Charities Challenge Fund which will enable us to keep accurate, accessible records of children at risk. With the funding for the hardware and software for an online risk register and the Outcome Star, a social work tool for helping families solve their own problems, we will be able to coordinate our work to ensure that the child is in a safe and stable situation."

"This will be a giant step forward in ensuring that no child is missed in the community where we work"

“The Outcome Star is a British designed family support tool that, thanks to its clear diagrams and easily understandable target setting, has proved a real hit with the families we work with. We are excited to move this online, so that there isn't duplication of work by our social workers”

“We are looking forward to working with the team from the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) as we will enjoy meeting other UK based charities with similar goals through their network. ”

Information about the fund:

If you are interested in applying for a Small Charities Challenge Fund grant, please visit <https://www.ukaiddirect.org/apply/sccf/>.

Applications can be made at any time and are reviewed every six months.

The UK Aid fund will help Tushinde: improve the lives of people with disabilities (PWD); people living with HIV/AIDS; sex workers; survivors of violence; girls married before age 18; orphans and vulnerable children; and extremely poor people.

Tushinde will further support [Global Goals](#): No Poverty; Zero Hunger; Good Health & Wellbeing; Quality Education; Gender Equality; Clean Water & Sanitation; and Decent Work & Economic Growth.

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Notes to editors

Background on SCCF:

- [The Small Charities Challenge Fund \(SCCF\)](#) is open for applications. SCCF provides grants of up to £50,000 to UK registered charities with an annual income of £250,000 or less.
- SCCF was launched in July 2017 as part of UK Aid Direct and was designed to strengthen small UK based charities working towards achieving the United Nations [Global Goals](#).
- SCCF is tailored to the needs of small UK-based charities doing outstanding development work and feedback from these organisations has informed its design. For example, the SCCF operates a one-stage application process only – so it is quicker to apply - a streamlined due diligence, and a tailored payment in advance approach to support with cash flow.

Background on Tushinde:

- Tushinde Children's Trust was founded in March 2010. It was set up after [Megan Wright](#) - a British woman living in Kenya - visited a project working in the Mathare Informal Settlement in Nairobi.
- Megan and the Tushinde team decided to start a family support programme – that identified families in crisis - where the children were close to ending up on the streets. The Tushinde team designed a model of care that looks after the whole family and helps them find lasting solutions.
- Today they work with over 400 children from 140 families in two informal settlements in Nairobi.